

wherein both of said third and forth electrodes are configured as a comb having a plurality of teeth, said third and forth electrodes being interdigitated,

wherein said third and forth electrodes are in direct electrical contact with said second surface of said electro-active ceramic element, and

wherein said third and forth electrode are connected to said first and second electrode through equipotential lines extending through said electro-active ceramic element.

REMARKS

Following entry of the amendments, claims 21-57 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-20 are canceled without prejudice, and without any intention to abandon the subject matter of these claims as filed or later amended, but with the intention that claims of the same, greater, or lesser scope may be pursued in a continuing application.

New claims 32-57 recite embodiments of an actuator device, and methods for making and using an actuator device. Support for new claims 32-57 is found in the specification as filed. Enclosed is a copy of the amended claim in mark-up format, as well as a clean set of the pending claims as amended. No new matter has been introduced.

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Applicants submit that the claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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